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CERE-AP (405-10f)

13 December 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Level of Real Estate Effort Required in the Reconnaissance Phase

- 1. During the last few years there has been much discussion among those in Real Estate, as well as Planning, about the level of real estate effort required during the Reconnaissance Phase.
- 2. In order to provide more flexibility to the process, I have agreed to require only that information on the most viable alternative in which a Federal interest might exist be provided in the Real Estate Section. Information on the other alternatives will be provided at the request of the Planning Study Manager.
- 3. In making these changes, it is expected that Real Estate will become involved early in the Reconnaissance Phase and will be funded adequately for its Reconnaissance activities.
- 4. The real estate requirements in the Reconnaissance Phase as required by ER 405-1-12, Draft Chapter 12 are:
- a. Prepare a Real Estate Section for the Reconnaissance Report. This Real Estate Section must include an Initial Real Estate Cost Estimate for the most viable alternative in which a Federal interest might exist. Information on the other alternatives shall be provided at the request of the Planning Study Manager.
- An Initial Real Estate Cost Estimate is based on the number of ownerships potentially to be provided. For these ownerships, a discussion on the type (residential, industrial, commercial, etc.); the estimated acreage; potential Public Law 91-646 relocations and proposed estates must be provided. The Initial Real Estate Cost Estimate must include estimates for lands and damages, including lands associated with the relocation of facilities, utilities, etc.; Public Law 91-646 relocations; administrative costs to acquire the necessary land (both Federal and non-Federal) and contingencies.
- b. Participate in identification of and meeting with a potential non-Federal sponsor. This includes reviewing the Letter of Intent, participating in the assessment of the

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